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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: CO2 Budget Trading Program (#7-559).

Commenter Information:

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Comments entered:

My name is Meredith Hegg and I live in Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania. I have twin six-year-olds and every day I look at their faces and wonder what I will say to them when they are old enough to understand the magnitude of the climate crisis. For now we just talk about the importance of clean air and clean water, and how we should all work together to make the world a better place. I am dreading the day when they begin to understand what a mess they are inheriting from their parents' and grandparents' generations.

I am here today to support Pennsylvania's entry into RGGI, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. As a major emitter of carbon dioxide, Pennsylvania has an essential role to play in reducing emissions and moving us toward a more livable world. The beauty of policies like RGGI is that they expose the myth that environmental policies must hurt the economy. States in RGGI have economically out-performed the rest of the country, all while reducing emissions and saving lives.

RGGI would also generate revenue that we desperately need to address our aging infrastructure in Pennsylvania. With RGGI we can improve our productivity and efficiency, while creating 27,000 new jobs. Clean energy and energy efficiency jobs already outnumber fossil fuel jobs in Pennsylvania. Let's accelerate that trend and put Pennsylvanians to work.

We have the capacity to be a world leader in energy and other areas, but we will miss that opportunity if we don't act soon. Please make Pennsylvania part of the energy future.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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